THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) An allocation of Rs. 104.44 crores was made during the last Plan (Eighth Five Year Plan) for the alternative systems of medicine (Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy) as compared to Rs. 2737.60 crores to allopathy (Department of Health).

(b) The follwoing steps have been taken to popularize the Indian Ayurvedic medicines abroad: continuing interaction with the trade and industry to identify and deal with problems related to exports; extension of Market Development Assistance to the exporting community through the Export Promotion Council for participation in trade fairs exhibitions; Integrated Marketing Programme for Indian Herbal Products in West Europe and other market promotion activities.

Gap in the Reported and Estimated Figures of HIV

509. SHRI JANANRDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times of 8th January, 1989 under the caption possibility of India having 4 million HIV- infected people; NACO's stating that according to a report brought out by National AIDS Control organisation (NACO), there is wide gap between reported and estmated figures of HIV infections and full blown AIDS cases and that infection is spreading in rural areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any special measures to spread AIDS awareness and provide medical aids to treat patients in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILAMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV AIDS in India, including rural areas, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main strategy consists of:—

Strengthening Programme Management capabilities at central and state levels.

Creation of awareness among high risk beheviour groups and general public about HIV/AIDS.

Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and condom Promotion.

Promoting biood safety and rational use of blood through proper licensing of blood banks and encouraging voluntary blood donation.

Strengthening capacity for surveillance and diagnosis of AIDS cases;

Extending training in clinical management of HIV/AIDS to medical Officers; and

Providing drugs for the management of opportunistic infections.

तपेदिक की औषधियों की कमी

510. **श्री खान गुफ़रान जाहिदी :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान देश में तपेदिक रोग कि औषधियों की भारी कमी की ओर दिलाया गया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा तपेदिक रोगियों के लिए आवश्यक औषधियां उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहें हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एज़िलमलाई) : (क) देश में क्षय रोग की औषधियों की कमी के बारे में सरकार को कोई सूचना नहीं मिली है ।